

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) Plastic container suitable for aseptic packaging of microbiologically sensitive food products comprising an injection blowmoulded container body (1) and neck (2) and a closure (3), wherein the closure (3) is a snap-on closure (3), wherein the snap-on closure (3) comprises a peripheral skirt (4) with a ridge (5), intended for engagement with the inner surface (6) of the neck (2) wherein the free outer diameter of the ridge (5) is slightly higher than the free inner diameter of the neck, wherein the snap-on closure (3) and the neck comprise a protrusion (7) of the neck (2) and a web (8) for substantially fixing the ridge (5) in the axial direction of the neck, when the container is closed, said protrusion (7) lying against an inclined part (10) of ~~the~~ a bottom part of the closure (3) which prohibits downward movement of the ridge (5), and said web (8) lying against ~~the~~ an upper ridge (9) of the neck (2) resulting in a fixation of the ridge (5) in upward direction.

Claim 2 (Currently amended) Container according to claim 1, wherein the tolerance of movement of the ridge (5) in the axial direction of the neck, wherein when the container is closed, the ridge (5) has a tolerance of movement in the axial direction of the neck, which is smaller than the height of the contact surface between the ridge and the inner surface of the neck.

Claim 3 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the neck has an inner surface (6), having no grooves having a width of 0.5 μm or larger.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the Shore D hardness of the material of the ridge (5) is lower than the Shore D hardness of the material of the neck (2).

Claim 5 (Original) Container according to claim 4, wherein the Shore D hardness of the material of the ridge (5) is 65 or smaller and the Shore D hardness of the material of the neck (2) is 70 or higher.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) Container according to claim 11, wherein the container is a bottle which is provided with a foil around it~~the bottle~~ covering a large part of the body thereof and the neck of ~~said~~the bottle, but not the cap.

Claim 7 (Original) Container according to claim 6, wherein the foil comprises oriented polystyrene.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the snap-on closure has a hinge 12.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 8, wherein the hinge 11 is a click-hinge (9).

Claim 10 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the snap-on closure comprises a circumferential tear-off strip 12.

Claim 11 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the material of the ridge substantially consists of linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE).

Claim 12 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1, wherein the container is a bottle.

Claim 13 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 1 filled with a sterilised or pasteurised microbiologically sensitive food product.

Claim 14 (Previously presented) Container according to claim 13, wherein the microbiologically sensitive food product has a pH between 6 and 8.

Claim 15 (Canceled)